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TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK
WARRANT
2018/2019

State of Maine

County of York, ss.

TO: Joseph Rousselle, a Resident of South Berwick in the County of York, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Town of South Berwick, you are required to notify the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the R.P.Gagnon Assembly Hall at the Town Hall on Main Street in said Town on Tuesday, the 22nd of May 2018, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting. Election to take place at 6:30 p.m.
Business session will be held immediately following.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Council to dispose of tax acquired property in any manner in which the Town Council deems to be in the best interests of the Town.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to charge and collect interest at a rate of eight (8) percent per annum on all unpaid taxes not paid by the due dates, with one-half of the taxes due on September 30, 2018 and one-half due on March 31, 2019.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed. Any excess paid in over the amount finally assessed shall be repaid at zero (0) percent interest.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to continue an eight (8) month payment plan known as the "Tax Club", with interest waived for all members of the Club making regular payments in accordance with the rules and regulations governing said Club.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to set the rate of interest paid on overpayment of taxes due to abatement at four (4) percent per annum as per MRSA36/506A.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund the payment of property tax abatements (and applicable interest) granted during this fiscal year.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the deposit of all proceeds from the Parking Lease Agreement between the Town and Avesta Young Street LP dated December 12, 2014 and December 22, 2015 into a non-lapsing designated reserve account and to appropriate and expend those funds to pay any costs associated with the repair and maintenance of said parking lot.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Police Services:

Police Department	\$ 873,799
Animal Control	9,022
Dispatch Center	366,130
Total	\$1,248,951

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$1,248,951
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ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Emergency Services:

Fire Department	\$ 213,147
Emergency Management Services	5,958
Water Assessment/Fire Protection	299,735
Emergency/Rescue Services	87,000
Total	\$ 605,840

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 605,840
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ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Works:

Town Hall	\$ 78,873
Community Center	71,128
Community Center Annex	200
Highway	903,446
Public Facilities	48,625
Town Garage	19,550
Transfer Station	363,200
Total	\$ 1,485,022

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,485,022
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ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance and Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP) funds and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Roads and Road Bond Debt:

CIP Roads	\$ 232,000
Road Bond Debt	468,000
Total	\$ 700,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from DOT Highway Block Grant (URIP/LRAP)	\$ 64,804
and	
Appropriate from Undesignated Fund Balance	\$ 450,000
and	
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 185,196

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for General Government:

Town Council	\$ 6,850
Town Manager	161,433
Town Clerk	96,946
Control/Collection	165,696
Computer	40,400
Administration	170,200
Tax Assessment	110,701
Employee Benefits	1,079,466
Street Lights	48,000
Compensated Absence Reserve	30,000
Total	\$ 1,909,692

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 1,909,692
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ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Offset) and raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources the following amounts for Debt Service:

Young Street Debt	\$ 46,794
2010 CIP Debt	53,098
Library Construction Debt	134,188
Total	\$ 234,080

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Appropriate from AVESTA Land Sale (Bond Offset)	\$ 33,771
and	
Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 200,309

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Code Enforcement and Health Departments:

Code Enforcement	\$ 36,526
Planning	36,659
Historic District Commission	250
Zoning Board of Appeals	125
Total	\$ 73,560

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources	\$ 73,560
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ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Public Welfare:

Social Services	\$ 66,360
Social/Civic Contributions	10,750
Recreation	90,944
Conservation Commission	4,850
Library	160,923
Total	\$ 333,827

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 333,827

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for
Capital Improvements – Reserves:

Highway Equipment	\$ 120,000
Office Equipment	15,000
Fire Equipment	75,000
Police Equipment	45,000
Transfer Station	10,000
Transfer Station Prof. Services	2,000
Town Buildings Reserve	40,000
Total	\$ 307,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation
and other revenue sources \$ 307,000

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to (1) approve a Police Station capital project consisting of development, acquisition, construction and paving, including engineering, design and any other reasonably related costs thereto, (2) appropriate a sum not to exceed \$4,000,000 to provide for the costs of the project and (3) authorize the Treasurer and Chairperson of the Town Council to issue general obligation securities of the Town of South Berwick (including temporary notes in anticipation of the sale thereof) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000 and delegate to the Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Town Council the discretion to fix the dates(s), maturity(ies), denomination(s), interest rate(s), place(s) of payment, call(s) for redemption, form(s) and other details of said securities on behalf of the Town of South Berwick and to provide for the sale thereof.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
TOWN OF SOUTH BERWICK

1. Total Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding as of June 30, 2017	\$ 6,592,123
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this vote is approved	\$ 4,000,000
Total	\$ 10,592,123

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.5%, with a 20 year term, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 4,000,000
Interest:	\$ 1,595,535
Total Debt Service:	\$ 5,595,535

3. Validity

The validity of the bond and of the voters' ratification of the bond may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service of the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.



Perry A Ellsworth, Treasurer

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Approval

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following amounts for Capital Improvements – Police Station Reserve:

Police Station Reserve	\$ 70,000
Total	\$ 70,000

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS:

Raise and appropriate from general taxation and other revenue sources only upon failure of Article 18 \$ 70,000

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to apply the following amounts from Excise Taxes, Non-Tax General Fund Revenues, Revenue Sharing, BETE Reimbursement and Homestead Exemption Reimbursement to use toward the 2018/2019 Budget Appropriations, thereby decreasing the amount to be raised by taxation.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

Excise Taxes	\$ 1,254,500
Non-Tax General Fund Revenues	462,325
State Revenue Sharing	386,000
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	377,000
BETE Reimbursement	16,000
Total	\$ 2,495,825

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$ 3,930,835 established for the Town of South Berwick by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDS: Adoption

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to adjourn the Town Meeting.


Given under our hands in the Town of South Berwick, this 8th day of May 2018 A.D.



John C Kareckas



John J James



Russell H Abell

Thomas A Chase



Mallory Cook